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1. "Political and Economic Situation"

"The political situation in Finland seems to be straightened out at the present time. It is believed that Kekkonen will manage the latest crisis in this country. However, it seems necessary for the government to take preventive measures against an unemployment situation which may develop further in the months to come. It is calculated that approximately 100 thousand people will be unemployed in the coming winter months. This is also believed to be the reason for the government's present licensing policy. At the present time it is very difficult to obtain both US and British currency. Hence, the lack of raw materials. Production in the rubber industry has been cut back about one third. In order to overcome the unemployment situation it is widely believed that currencies and licenses will be granted again in the not too distant future.

"Rubber Fabricators"

2. "Suomen Kaapelitehdas Oy
Pursiniehenkatu 29-31
Helsinki, Finland

15 Oct 53

"Mr E Mattsson, Technical Manager

"Consumption of carbon black by this company has gone drastically down. The reason for this is that sale of cables, used mainly for farm equipment, farm motors, etc, has declined drastically. Their next order for carbon black will be placed in England because of the English prices. However, at the present time the British currency is almost as difficult to obtain as the US dollar. There is only a limited interest in the use of conductive carbon blacks in the Finnish cable industry. However for a special cable construction, this company had tried to utilize a conductive paper. This paper had been made by the large paper factory Tervakosky and I understand both conductive carbon blacks as well as graphite had been used.

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"Carbon black consumption of this company is very low. They are using only three hundred kg channel black per month for coloring purposes. [REDACTED]

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